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a sending portion for sending the command generated by the command generating portion into the bus line.

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

As will be noted from the Declaration, Applicants are citizens and residents of Japan and this application originated there.

Accordingly, the amendments made to the specification are provided to place the application in idiomatic English, and the claims are amended to place them in better condition for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract by rewriting same to read as follows.

An apparatus controlling method for performing control between apparatuses connected to a predetermined bus line [is provided. In], in which in a data transmission between a first apparatus and a second apparatus, presetting of settings for inputting or outputting of data in the first apparatus is directed by a transmission of a command in a predetermined format via the bus line. Further, an identification data unique to the second apparatus is transmitted upon the transmission of the directing command, and the first apparatus stores the transmitted unique identification data when performing the presetting in accordance with the command.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-14 by rewriting same to read as follows.

--1. (Amended) An apparatus controlling method for performing control between apparatuses connected to a predetermined bus line,

wherein in data transmission between a first apparatus and a second apparatus, presetting of settings for inputting or outputting of data in the first apparatus is directed by a transmission of a command in a predetermined format via the bus line,

wherein an identification data unique to the second apparatus [being] <u>is</u> transmitted upon the transmission of the [directing] command, and

wherein the first apparatus [storing] stores the transmitted unique identification data when performing the presetting in

accordance with the command.

--2. (Amended) The apparatus controlling method according to Claim 1,

wherein the first apparatus disables the preset, identifies the second apparatus connected to the bus line from the stored identification data, and then does not perform the presetting in response to [the presetting requesting] a directing command transmitted from any other of the apparatuses than the identified second apparatus once a resetting is performed in the bus line.

--3. (Amended) The apparatus controlling method according to Claim 1,

wherein upon the resetting performed in the bus line, the first apparatus disables the preset[,] and maintains the stored identification data for at least a predetermined period following the resetting,

during the predetermined period, the first apparatus identifies the second apparatus connected to the bus line from the stored identification data, performs the presetting of the settings for inputting or outputting of the data only in response to the command from the identified second apparatus, and

after the predetermined period has been passed, the first apparatus removes the [above limit] disablement of accepting the preset requesting command from the other apparatuses.

--4. (Amended) The apparatus controlling method according to Claim 1, wherein the first apparatus cancels the preset in response to a direction for canceling the preset issued by the apparatus which is the issuer of the preset [requesting] command for the above particular preset, if this particular preset is enabled in

the first apparatus.

- 5. (Amended) The apparatus controlling method according to Claim 1, wherein the first apparatus transmits [a] data for identification of the second apparatus to an issuer of another of the command requesting the presetting of settings in the first apparatus for data transmission with [another] one of the apparatuses other than the second apparatus, if the preset for the second apparatus is enabled in the first apparatus.
- --6. (Amended) An apparatus controlling method for performing control between apparatuses connected to a predetermined bus

wherein settings of <u>an</u> output status in a first apparatus [can be] <u>are</u> preset by a transmission of a predetermined command from a second apparatus so that data outputted from the first apparatus is received by the second apparatus, and

wherein [the] issuance of the command from the second apparatus [being] is made by a direction from the first apparatus.

--7. (Amended) The apparatus controlling method according to Claim 6,

wherein upon the issuance of the command from the second apparatus under the direction of the first apparatus, an identification data indicating that the command [is] <u>has</u> issued under the direction of the first apparatus is attached to a predetermined section of the command.

--8. (Amended) A transmission device [capable of] <u>for</u> data transmission with other apparatuses connected via a predetermined bus line, comprising:

a storing portion for storage of an identification data unique to the device,

a command generating portion for generation of a command in a predetermined format for performing a presetting of settings for input selection or output selection in a specific one of the apparatuses connected to the bus line, and attaching [an] identification data stored in the storing portion to a predetermined section of the command, and

a sending portion for sending the command generated by the command generating portion into the bus line.

--9. (Amended) A transmission device [capable of] <u>for</u> data transmission with other apparatuses connected via a predetermined bus line, comprising:

an inputting portion for input of [a] data transmitted via the bus line,

a data processing portion for finding from the data inputted by the inputting portion a command regarding a presetting of settings for input selection or output selection in data transmission with a specific one of the apparatuses connected to the bus line, and <u>for</u> performing the presetting specified in the command, and

a storing portion for storage of [an] identification data unique to the [above] specific [apparatus] one of the apparatuses contained in the command detected by the data processing portion.

--10. (Amended) The transmission device according to Claim 9, wherein the data processing portion disables the preset, identifies the [above] specific [apparatus] one of the apparatuses from the identification data stored in the storing portion once a resetting is performed in the bus line, and

wherein the data processing portion [then] <u>does</u> not [performing] <u>perform</u> any presetting requested by the command transmitted from any other of the apparatuses than the identified specific [apparatus] <u>one of the apparatuses</u>.

--11. (Amended) The transmission device according to Claim 9, wherein the data processing portion disables the preset, and identifies the [above] specific [apparatus] one of the apparatuses from the identification data stored in the storing portion once a resetting is performed in the bus line,

wherein the data processing portion [performing] performs the presetting of the settings for inputting or outputting of the data only in response to the command from the above identified specific apparatus for at least a predetermined period, and after the predetermined period having been passed, [performing] performs the presetting in response to the command from any of the apparatuses including the [above identified] specific [apparatus] one of the apparatuses.

- --12. (Amended) The transmission device according to Claim 9, wherein the data processing portion cancels the preset in response to a command for canceling the preset issued from the apparatus which is the issuer of the [preset requesting] command [for the above particular preset] regarding a presetting of settings.
- --13. (Amended) The transmission device according to Claim 9, wherein the data processing portion [detected] <u>detects</u> a command regarding a preset from another apparatus when the preset is enabled, <u>and</u> the data processing portion transmits [a] data regarding an apparatus identified from the identification data

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stored in the storing section to an issuer of the [presetting requesting] command regarding a presetting of settings.

---14. (Amended) A transmission device [capable of] <u>for</u> data transmission with other apparatuses connected via a predetermined bus line, comprising:

a command generating portion for generation of a command in a predetermined format for performing a presetting of settings for input selection or output selection in a specific one of the other apparatuses connected via the bus line, and <u>for</u> attaching [an] identification data indicating that the command is issued under the direction of the [above] specific [apparatus] <u>one of the other apparatuses</u> to a predetermined section of the command, and

a sending portion for sending the command generated by the command generating portion into the bus line.